

**Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)**  
**Children and Families Committee Meeting**  
**Friday, July 21, 2017 from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM**  
**DDDS Fox Run, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 2540 Wrangle Hill Road, Bear, DE**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Members Present:** Alex Eldreth, Committee Chair; Carrie Melchisky, Parent Advocate; Alvin Emory, Advocate; Laura Greene, Advocate

**Members Absent:** Steve Yeatman, Parent Advocate ; Frances Fleming, Parent Advocate; Nancy Lemus, Parent Advocate

**Guests Present:** Andrew Braune, Danio Diary

**Staff Present:** Kristin Harvey, Social Services Administrator, Delaware Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC)

- I. **Call to order-** The meeting was called to order at 1:55 PM.
- II. **Approval of Minutes-** A quorum being present, the committee voted to approve the June, 2017 minutes.
- III. **Approval of Agenda-** A quorum being present, the committee voted to approve the agenda as written.
- IV. **Chair's Report-** Alex Eldreth stated that he was pleased to be a part of Non-Profit Day at Legislative Hall. He said that he was originally scheduled to speak about "Grass Roots Advocacy 101", but changed the topic after learning about the proposed drastic cuts to non-profit funding in Delaware. Alex encouraged all those who were present to continue speaking out about what matters to them, and share their stories of how non-profits have positively impacted their lives.
- V. **Staff Report-** Kristin Harvey did not provide a report.
- VI. **Current Business-**
  - A. **RFP for health and wellness project:** The committee discussed ideas for a public awareness campaign focusing on health and wellness opportunities for people with disabilities. The focus of the campaign would be people with disabilities, their families and key state policymakers. Kristin Harvey stated that she will have a draft Request for Proposals (RFP) ready for the committee to review at their meeting in August.
  - B. **Review of objectives assigned to the committee-status update:** Alex referenced the Outside the Box Conference proposal, the funding of which was approved by the full Council at their July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Outside the Box Conference will help the committee to address their Self-Advocacy Goal in the State Plan concerning the amount and effective dissemination of information that advocates can use. An RFP is out for one of the committee's two health care objectives, which should result in a proposal being put before the committee in September. Kristin will draft an RFP for the August meeting that will address the committee's other health care objective. This leaves only the Education and Early Intervention objective assigned to the committee. The committee decided to discuss this objective at their August meeting.
  - C. **Membership-** All present agreed that new members are always welcome and that existing members should continue to spread the word about the committee among their friends and

colleagues. That being said, the committee stated that it is also content with the current size of the committee.

- D. Re-Schedule August meeting due to staff travel:** Kristin will be out of state in August during the week that the committee was originally scheduled to meet. Following a discussion and vote, the committee agreed to move their August meeting up by one week to August 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. Kristin thanked the committee for their flexibility and stated that she would secure a meeting location. The committee expressed their preference to meet at DDDS Fox Run as usual, if it is available on that date. Kristin stated that she will inform the committee once a meeting location is finalized.

**VII. New Business**

**Any other items the committee would like to discuss-** Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 3:29PM.